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SPRAY PAINT

Vandals hit park

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PORT COLBORNE — Vandals spraypainted a good chunk of H.H. Lakeview Park sometime late Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning of last week, says the city's parks and facilities foreman.

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■ FOOD DRIVE: Lions run annual drive with hundreds of volunteers



ALLAN BENNER Staff photo Alicia Horne, left, 9, and Karena Mills, 9, enjoyed some fruit while taking a break from sorting food during Port Colborne's food drive last Saturday.

Organized chaos

ALLAN BENNER InPort News Staff

Jason Hockley laughed and described the action at Christian Life Assembly Church as 'organized chose.' Hundreds of volunteers were busy sorting through thousands of items of non-perishable food items collected for the Port Colborne-Wainfleet Inter-Church Food winniers and the Church Food the collected for the Port Colborne Lions Club member had participated in the city's food drive, and Hockley was also the guy in the Colborne Lions Club member had participated in the city's food drive, and

"This is actually my first food drive, believe it or not. I haven't even seen it happen before," said Hockley, the organizer of last Saturday's

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charge



FOOD DRIVE

400 volunteers for 18th food drive

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Despite his inexperience, he said the experience of many of the volunteers more than made up for it. While Hockley did his best to ensure everyone had what they needed to do their jobs, for the most part he said he just tried to stand back and stay out of the way.

I just kind of put the pieces in place and hoped it all worked out."

It did. Nearly 400 volunteers showed up for the 18th annual food drive, eager to do their part to ensure no one in their community would go hungry in the year to come. On the giving end was the generosity of the thousands of people who left food donations at their

Hockley was extremely impressed with many of those volunteers. In addition to the dozens of high school students who were there earning community service hours they need for graduation, "a lot of them don't even need the hours." He said a few groups of teenagers showed up, just wanting to help out.



Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services fire Chief Tom Cartwright was among hundreds of volunteers who spent last Saturday participating in the city's food drive Saturday.

Hockley wasn't the only organizer new to the role. It was also the first food drive that Marilyn Williams organized from her new role as director of the Port Colborne-Wainfleet Inter- Church Food

"This is my first year as director, and this is all new to me," she said

But like Hockley, she said there were a lot of experienced people to lean on. Thanks to those people, she said people

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in need in the community will have the food bank to lean on when they need it Williams recalled one busy week a few months ago when

66 people arrived at the food hank for help. In any given week, she said as many as 50 people arrive for help. Williams said the need in

the community has grown recently, with more people out of work. But there are also people who have been facing difficulties for quite a while. For the most part, the food collected Saturday "will have to last us for another year," she

"And it does, tt does very well." When the food bank runs out of items, she said the com-

munity organization can rely on cash donations to purchase the things they need.

"The Port Colborne people are just tremendous supporters of this. They're just wonderful, they really are," Williams

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WANDALISM VANDALISM



Port Colborne parks and facilities foreman Mike Graybiel looks over some of the damage done by vandals at H. H. Knoll Lakeview Park, discovered Wednesday morning.

Playground, gazebo, splash pad, paths and bridge tagged

ground equipment.

for us for vandalism."

up really quick.

have been hit

"We trying to get it cleaned

It's not the first time the

oark or other city facilities

"It's been a really bad year

Graybiel says the prome-

FROM PAGE AL

Mike Gravbiel says the gazebo, playground equipment, splash pad, walking paths and even the bridge heading over to the marina were all hit

"It's going to be really expensive to clean up," says Graybiel He save due to restrictions

on what chemicals can be used to clean up the spray paint, the city has to hire an

nade on West St. has been hit outside contractor to come as have the recreational paths Whoever sprayed the park. from the city out to the Cedar

he says, used blue and vellow Bay area. spray paint and painted The park, he says, is struck obscene graffiti on the play-

by vandalism on almost a weekly basis in the summer months

Police discovered the latest vandalism during a routine

patrol of the park. 'We'd like people to call the police if they see anyone doing something suspicious,





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■ OUICK WIN: Port fighter makes opponent tap out

Alexis Davis keeps her bantamweight title

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NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. - Alexis Davis expected to go a full five rounds with Tonya Evinger in their fight for the bantamweight title last Saturday night at Raging Wolf X, but the Port Colborne woman only needed one.

Davis, fighting out of Davboll liu-litsu in Port Colhorne beat Evinger at 1:25 of the first round via submission, the second time Davis has beaten the Californian at an event at Seneca Niagara Casino.

While Davis defended her title, it was a mixed night for fighters out of Welland's Modern Vision MMA. Matt DiMarcantonio defeated Kevin Cummings, but Eric Attard lost his fight to former UFC fighter Tom Egan With Davis facing Evinger

for a second time and facing a fighter who was coming off a win earlier this summer over Adrienna (AI) Jenkins, she was prepared to go the distance. The two faced each other in May, with Evinger taking the fight on short notice because of an injury to Davis' original opponent. "We expected to go into the

championship round," Davis in a post-fight interview. She said if the fight

had gone that far, she still expected to win by locking a submission hold on Evinger. Davis and Dave Davboll. her coach and trainer, worked on her standup game for

Saturday's rematch. "We worked around her tab," she said. Dayboll said in watching

film of the first fight, they also noticed Evinger used an overhand right punch to make a move to clinch with her opponent.

"We didn't want to let her clinch until Alexis was ready for her to clinch," Dayboll

The Port Colborne fighter had been training harder since her August loss to Elaina Maxwell, working



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Port Colborne's Alexis Davis, fighting out of Dayboll Jiu-Jitsu, retained her bantamweight title las Saturday night at Raging Wolf X at the Seneca Niagara Casino in Niagara Falls, N.Y. Top right, former UFC fighter Tom Egan, on top, punches Eric Attard out of Welland-based Modern Vision MMA during ther Raging Wolf X bout. Egan won the bout via TKO. Middle right, Referee Todd Anderson makes sure Davis has her mouthquard in before she heads into the ring at Raging Wolf X in Niagara Falls, N.Y. last Saturday night. Bottom right, Modern Vision's Matt DiMarcantonio poses after winning his amateur fight over Buffalo's Kevin Cummings.

on all aspects of her fight Kevin Cummings, and all game. Earlier this summer, she, Dayboll and fighter Sam Pascuzzi trained with Robert (Cyborg) Abreu in Florida.

Dayboll said that training helped Davis in the fight against Evinger. "I feel like I've improved a lot," said Davis, adding she

trains harder after each fight and looks for ways to improve DiMarcantonio and Attard

were making their debut in the U.S.-based fighting series. In an amateur bout, DiMarcantonio faced

three of the rounds were filled with action as the two traded punches, kicks and takedowns.

After one takedown. DiMarcantonio was able to get Cummings back and that helped his confidence going

into the second round. "Going into that round, I was very confident. I caught him with a punch after our first exchange and tried to knock him out," said DiMarcantonio, who went on to win a unanimous decision over his Buffalo-based opponent at the end of the three Attard took a fight on just

over a week's notice, orginally against Mike Winters, who dropped out of the fight because of an injury. Chris Bonfoco, Modern Vision's owner and trainer, said Attard's debut was nearly cancelled

However, after Raging Wolf elterweight champion Nuri Shakir was injured in training, his opponent Tom Egan. a former UFC fighter, had no one to fight, which gave Attard an opportunity to step







Both fighters spent round one feeling each other out with Attard throwing some kicks and Egan able to catch one and take his opponent down. The Wellander was able to get up, but Egan

Attard tried to take down Egan in round two, but ended up being taken down. That put Egan in position to rain down punches until the fight was stopped by the referee with Egan winning by a technical knockout.

Attard didn't speak after the fight, but Bonfoco said he was proud of his fighter. *Eric is nails hard. In his last fight he was almost choked out in the first round but came back to win." Ronfoco said

He said Egan was a tough opponent, having last fought in the UFC two years ago. 'Eric's only been training for three years now.

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Port a generous place

It was organized chaos last weekend at Christian Life Assembly Church as hundreds of volunteers were busy sorting through thousands of non-perishable food items collected for the Port Colborne-Wainfleet Inter-Church Food Bank.

Nearly 400 volunteers showed up for the 18th annual Port Colborne Lions food drive, eager to do their part to ensure no one in their community would go hungry in the year to come.

First-time organizer Jason Hockley, a Lions club member, was extremely impressed with many of those volunteers

In addition to the dozens of high school students who were there earning community service hours they need for graduation, there were a lot that didn't even need the hours." Hockely said a few groups of teenagers showed up, just wanting to help out.

That teens, who didn't need to be up and out early on a Saturday morning, came to volunteer, shows the generosity, spirit and compassion the community has for those in need

"The Port Colborne people are just tremendous supporters of this. They're just wonderful, they really are," food bank director Marilyn Williams said.

With ever-increasing food costs and tight budgets these days, the amount of food donated to Lions food drive didn't seem to drop. In fact, it goes up almost every year.

And with more and more people living at or below the poverty line, the need for such drives and the need for food banks will only increase.

Williams said one day a few months ago 66 people arrived at the food bank for help. In any given week, she said as many as 50 people arrive for help. Next time you're in a grocery store, take a second to

Next time you re in a grocery store, take a second to think about those in the community in need, and buy an extra jar of peanut butter or can of tuna and drop it by the food bank. III PFTS

Scent hounds of Group 2 ——-Part 3

Our first dog this week is the one with the very best nose for

scenting.

The Bloodhound is by far the best tracking dog of any breed of dog. They were originally used to track deer but soon proved to be excellent trackers of human scents even if the scent trail was days old. They have been used by prisons to successfully track down

escapees.
They are often brought into use to track and find criminals after a crime has happened. They have the best success rate for finding lost people in rough country, forests or swamps. Once the Bloodhound finds the person he would rather lick their faces than scare them as they have a gentle nature with

people.

Black and Tan Coonhounds look very much like a slim Bloodhound. They like to work and hunt in a pack. They are known as "the night hunters" because they are used to hunt raccoons at night. Night hunters must be taught to hunt only the animal that is wanted not other night creatures. There are other breeds



Sandie Bingley

of night hunters and they are named according to their colours. So we have the Blue Tick Hound

So we have the Blue Tick Hound and the Red bone Hounds which have either a blue- grey coloured or a red coloured coat. The other cousin to these dogs is the Walker Tree Hound. He was developed from American Fox Hounds who were "rejects."

These rejects didn't want to chase foxes in the daytime but preferred to chase and hunt at night. So these dogs were cast out of the foxhound pack and sold to hunters who wanted night hunting dogs.

These dogs were used on anything

from raccoons, to bears to mountain llons. But all types of Coonhounds must be taught not to hunt skunks for obvious reasons.

In England in the 17th and 18th century English Foxhounds were developed to run in a pack to chase the red fox. The rich gentlemen and ladies would ride their fine horses across fields, and jump over logs and fences to follow the chase.

When English gentlemen came to America to live, hely brought their familles, servants and their English Foxhound packs with them. Here in North American they developed a tallet, alimner dog which later became the American Foxhound. These dogs were better suited to run the rougher terrain here and still chase the foxes successfully. Today in some states in the USA and some searce and Canada, flow still done in the contract of t

But a fox scented object is dragged over the course ahead of time instead of a real fox to chase. The packs of American Foxhounds follow the scent not knowing that at the end there won't be a real fox. Hunt Club members enjoy this sport as a weekend activity and it is good exercise for the foxhounds, horses

Next time: The Remainder of the Scent Hounds —— Part 4

■readers'views

Canada's aircraft follies continue

So again we have to listen to politicians babble on about a subject which they have a limited knowledge. Yes I certainly remember the Sea King fiasco that cost us a half a billion dollars because Jean Chretien wanted to play games with the government of the day.

Again we have the loyal opposition (Liberal again) creating smoke screens regarding Canadian military purchases. There are two fundamental wrongs

regarding Canadian mintary purchases. There are two fundamental wrongs with Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff's position on this issue.

It's too late for this lame protest as years ago the Liberals ponied up around \$100 million for the development of this aircraft and committed Canada to it's use in exchange for unspecified production of components in Canada.

The mighty American military/industrial complex developed the aircraft and then realized the extreme costs would make it a tough sell to the people who authorize purchase and production build of weapons systems in the U.S.

To remedy this and to justify the aircraft they would have to bully allies to buy the aircraft and reduce the amortization costs though increased assembly build. Unfortunately the U.S. finds it very easy to bully Canadian politicians and our politicians know little or nothing about weapons systems and are always looking to curry favour with U.S. politicians.

 However more importantly this aircraft is totally wrong for our needs as the following analysis explains.
 The F-35 is a first strike fighter.

It is equipped with stealth technology and is a single engine with limited range fighter which is polar opposite to Canada's mission and needs. The stealth technology also makes it prohibitively expensive.

We have been using a world class fighter in the CF-18 for about 20 years and Northrup has developed the latest iteration[F-18E/F Super Hornet) which is a two-engine fighter with improved range and payload capacity and with newer more powerful engines. Another clear advantage of this

aircraft is that our pilots and ground service teams would be familiar with it.

The F/18E/F fighter would undoubtedly be considerably cheaper then the
F-35 but no, our people blunder on and

buy what the U.S. wants us to buy. I am so proud of our military forces they are world class and always have been. They have excelled in every conflict they have every been involved.

They deserve our respect and the best equipment available to perform their duties around the world and at home.

John C Dougette

Stolen equipment

Port Colborne

To the person or persons who stole equipment from the Port Colborne Marine Auxiliary Rescue (Pocomar) vessel 'Ted Cook' late this past season while docked at Sugarloaf Harbour

Marina.

I cannot imagine what type of person you must be — to steal equipment from a charitable, volunteer organization, whose sole purpose is to save lives and property on the water; equipment which plays a vital role in carrying out search and rescue operations for one of the busiest Coast Guard Auxiliary units on

the Great Lakes.
You know who you are, and you know
What equipment I am speaking about.
Do you realize that by your actions you
have seriously hindered our ability to
conduct an effective and successful
search and rescue mission? Do you realize that your actions have potentially put

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lives at risk?

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Celebrating our kindnesses

wish we didn't need food banks in our town. But

we do. I wish we didn't need an annual food drive to replenish the stock in those food banks. But we do. And I sure as heck wish

we didn't need an annual "Random Acts of Kindness Day," but apparently we do. And today's the day.

According to Niagara Region's website, the region "is proud to sponsor Random Acts of Kindness Day, which will take place Friday, Nov. 12. An initiative of the Niagara Community Foundation, Random Acts of Kindness Day is an opportunity for residents to help others and to respond to acts of kindness by showing kindness to someone else.

There are even suggestions. "There are many different ways people can show kindness," the website says. "Buy someone a coffee. congratulate someone on a job well done, act as a sounding board for another. even something as simple as holding open a door for someone with their hands full."

Now, I'm not taking issue with the region or the community foundation, I know their hearts are in the right place But as I said earlier, I sure

has heck wish we didn't need an annual "Random Acts of Kindness Day." Really, shouldn't every day

be filled with random acts of kindness by all of us toward one another? Shouldn't we always hold a door open for someone else? Shouldn't we always congratulate someone on a job well done? Shouldn't friendship, by its definition, involve acting as a sounding board for another? Aren't



RYGEORGE these the ultimate definition of a so-called civilized

George Duma

society? It is in Port. I see it all the time in our town. I've often written about the incredible generosity of spirit that exists

Oh, don't get me wrong; we have our warts. And I'm well aware of them. But after all is said and

done, when one of us is hurting and the rest find out about it, we rally. We help. We really don't need a Random Acts of Kindness Day, do we?

Last Saturday's annual food drive is a case in point. Each year, the drive raises a bit more than it did the year before. Again, as I said earlier. I wish we didn't need a food bank and a food drive to replenish it, but we do.

Last Saturday produced thousands of random acts of kindness as folks all over this great little city of ours left bags and boxes of groceries on their doorsteps for volunteers to pick up. Some left a can or a box of cereal and it was as appreciated - if not more so - than those who left boxes. We all give

what we can. I've been involved with the food drive for more than 15 years now and it's such a wonderful way to spend a November Saturday morning.

My friend, Richard Smith, and I have been together pretty much since the beginning and while our partners have changed from time to time, the camaraderie of the group has always been

Last Saturday was no different Richard and I found we were partnered up with three new folks — Rae-Anne Gibson and two of the nicest young gentlemen you'd ever want to meet in Andrew Etling and Craig Rohe.

Our territory has always been the same. It goes from McRae Ave. to Welland St. on the east-west border and the south side of Killaly St. E. to Fraser St. on the north south border and it includes everything in between.

We started out the day with it being just the two of us, and no vehicle to speak of. Richard drives a Buick LeSahre and Lhave a hahu Toyota Echo, which last Saturday had the keys locked in it. But that's a different story.

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Our gathering team takes a breather at the end of our route during last Saturday's Port Colborne Lions Food Drive. From left are Craig Rohe, Andrew Etling, Rae-Anne Gibson and my long-time buddy, Richard Smith. I felt honoured to be part of this team.



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Citizens respond to those in need

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When the Lions learned of our dilemma, they quickly

Anne, Andrew and Craig.
Soon, we had Mary-Ann
Kantymit's Chevy Suburban
at our disposal and we were
off. Mary-Ann's dad Bill was
an original member of our
gathering team, right up until
he passed. Mary-Ann then
took over from dad but family
commitments kept her from
joining us this year. Still, we
had dad's Suburban thanks
to Mary-Ann's kindness of
spirit. That which ea an hold a

lot of food.
Long story short? We filled
it yet again this year, thanks
to the incredible generosity
and kindness of the good
people on the east side.

So, back to the beginning. I wish we didn't need food banks in our town. But, we do, and there is no town in which I would rather be when asking its citizens to help fill that food bank.

And I wish we didn't need a special day designated to "random acts of kindness." After last Saturday, I'm not convinced we actually do



GEORGE DUMA Infort News Photo Rae-Anne Gibson loads up our loaner Chevy Suburban during last Saturday's Port Colborne Lions Food Drive. Thanks to our friend, Mary-Ann Kantymir, we had a vehicle large enough to handle all the donations we picked up along our route on the east side.

need such a day, at least not in Port Colborne.

Thank you, wonderful people. You all make me so proud to call Port my home.

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30 years in the newspaper business. He is currently a member of the journalism faculty at Niagara College. He welcomes comments and column suggestions and can be reached at: gduma@ coxeco.ca

I FITTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE A4

Port Colhorne

We first realized that this crime had been committed against Pocomar, against the citizens of Port Colborne, and against the general boating public, while on a search and rescue call with the Canadian Coast Guard for a missing boater west of

While I cannot attribute the outcome of that search directly to your actions, I can tell you, as the coxswain in charge of the vessel that day, your actions did not make the search any easier. Unfortunately, that boater

drowned that day.
You are obviously a
boater yourself, and frequent Sugarloaf Harbour
Maring.

Have you ever considered the day that we may have to come to look for you and your friends or family? Do you want to be the one responsible for negatively impacting a search for a fellow boater whose life is in

Jeopardy?
When you steal equipment from an on-call 24/7 rescue unit you are playing with peoples lives. I know very few people who have the guts and the lack of respect to do something like

this to a dedicated rescue

I hope you read this. I can't expect you to have a conscience about the matter, and I don't expect the stolen items to miracularly appear. It's not about the cost of the items — they can be replaced. It's about the greater cost to the boat-

ing community and their safety, of which you have deprived them.

I would encourage anyone who may have infor-

anyone who may have information about this matter to please contact the Niagara Regional Police as a report has been filed.

Jeff Richard

Pocomar coxswain Capital punishment does not deter

When a monster such as Col. Russell Williams visits his horrors upon innocent victims, there will be the inevitable call for the return to the death penalty. The main two reasons

that are put forward for executing murderers are deterrence and vengeance.

Capital punishment does not deter, as is evidenced in countries that have the ultimate penalty, includ-

ing those like China, which carry out the penalty

Immediately. Vengeance is an understandable human reaction to the atrocity of murder, but there are too many reasons not to succumb this; James Driskell, Donald Marshall, David Milgaard, Guy Paul Mortin, just to name a few. These men languished behind bars for years for crimes they did not commit. At least they are

commit. At least they are still alive.

Then consider the victims of pathologist Dr. Charles Smith, whose "evidence" led to convicting mothers of murdering their children who had died of natural causes. Can you give me a picture more horrlibe than the execution of a woman whose life has already been shattered by the loss of her

As long as there exists the chance of wrongful conviction of only one innocent person, and there always will be, the death penalty has no place in our justice

system.

I hope that I am right that we will never see it return to Canada.

David Fowler

Judy Hopkins-Benson

Supporting quality healthcare, close to home.

Judy Hopkins-Benson has breast cancer. It has never once crossed her mind 'why her'? "Why not me?" she asks when the question is posed to her. "Better me than someone who couldn't handle it."

"The scariest part was thinking 'even if it is' (breast cancer), I have to be here for them," she says. "I can get through anything, but let me be here for my kids till old age — for graduations, marriages and grandchildren."

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III FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Port Colborne fire department draws contest winners



Troy Van Gool, above, was one of the winners of Port Colburne Fire and Emergency Services colouring contest held in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week. Sparty their find og presented Van Gool, of St. Thereas School, with a back pack and rether find of the St. Thereas School, with a back pack and can be supported to the state of the St. Thereas School was a Sparty Below. Evelyn Hames, of Steele Street School won a Sparty backpack and also a plazza to share with her classmates.



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PORT COLBORNE — During Fire Prevention Week Kick-off last month, Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services held a number of draws and contests. Winners were: Firefighters clock

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 Maria Alexander
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 Sparky backpack
 Josh Benard
 Serena Thornton

Olivia Cook
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Travel Medicine

If you are planning a vacation for Christmas or March break it is time to start thinking about vaccinations and travel medicine that you may need.

It is very important for travelers to get their hepatitis vaccinations, Hepatitis A is regards frough contaminating of the countries and execute to best given as two closes 6 months apart. Hepatitis 8 is spread through secular contact, plencings, contamination medical explanation in cit. can be an proting for plateful if you need medical attention while away. The usual 3-close schedule for the leps 3 vaccines is all 1, in and 6 months. There is a contined vaccine for both they A and 5. There are other design schedules evaluated if you are running out of time, but you want to be a support of the countries of the countries

There are no vaccines for hepatitis C, D, and E, but they are less common in travelers. Hep C and D are spread through blood, and hep E is spread through the oral-fecal route. It is best to avoid high-risk activities such as piercings, acupuncture and tattooling, as well as to be careful about food and water precautions and hand washing to word these forms of hepatitis.

Twelet's disarthee plaques many individuals. It is cused by eating or dribking food or water combinated with imperm. If you have there or more episodes of diarrhae in one day, you probably have traveler diarrhae. Your doctor can prescribe an artifaction of the with your life you for in the traveler want to get enough architection to best for three days. If you don't develop leven or who does not work you can be indicate many your architect. Figure art travelling with children and they develop traveler's diarrhea you need to take special care to help them avoid definition.

There is also an oral travelers' Diarrhea vaccination called Dukoral. Presently the vaccine is being recommended to high-risk patients. This would include patients who are immunosuppressed, patient's with chronic illness, and those who have had many bouts of traveler's diarrhea.

For certain destinations Malaria prophysics is also being recommended. Recently traveles to the Deminican Republic have been advised to bise antimisation immediation. Patients travelling to high risk areas can prevent Malaria indication. Patients travelling to high risk areas can prevent Malaria en resident to medications that are available. Travelers alloud learn what the enterties that the medications that are available. Travelers alloud learn what the enterties that he have are they will be traveling to, it to best up to a travell medication send to be started the week before departure so it is best not to leave getting these medications until the test minimal.

In order to prepare yourself and your family for an upcoming vecation do some research in to what vaccines and precardins need to be taken for your destination. Give yourself plenty of time to get in to the doctor and get your prescriptions. Some of the vaccines need to be started at least at months before you leave. If you plan ahead everyone can have a safe and healthy vacation.

Two Locations:

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RECOVERY: Patients doing well

C.diff outbreak at hospital

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PORT COLBORNE — An outbreak of Clostridium difficile has been confirmed at Port Colborne heepitel

hospital.

Niagara Health System
declared the outbreak back on
Oct. 20 with three cases, and
on Oct. 23 with one more case
on the west wing of the second

floor.

The bacteria causes diarrhea and more serious intestinal conditions such as colitis. Feces are where the bacteria is found. Once in contact with the feces, a person can transmit the bacteria to others from hand-to-hand

Bonnie Sipos, director of diagnostic and infections control, satid all four patients remain at Port Colborne hospital. Sipos couldn't comment on each specific case, but did say that they

are on the road to recovery.

Symptoms associated with the illness include diarrhea, nausea, loss of appetite and pain and tenderness in the abs. If a patient is symptom free for 48 hours, it means the sickness has most

However, relapses are not uncommon.
"The patients are all on treatment and they seem to be subsiding. We've done a lot of education with the patients,

likely cleared

their families, the staff at the Port Colborne site," she said on Wednesday.

Wednesday.

Those who are at high risk to catch C. difficile are senior citizens and those people who have other illnesses or conditions that require the use of antibiotics.

Sipos said the NHS had an

education session last Tuesday for families. This is the second C. difficile outbreak in Niagara in the last "few years" she said. The last one

was at Greater Niagara General Hospital in Niagara Falls. Visitors to the hospital are being asked to wash hands to avoid the further spread of the

■inPortbriefs

contact with them.

The Port Colborne Recreational 10-Pinners didn't hold back late last month, when they competed at an invitational bowling tournament in Mississauga.

Nineteen bowlers competed in the event, which yielded six medals for individuals on the Port Coliborne Special Olympics bowling team. Martin Bergeron and Braden White each earned a gold medal, Carlo Zinatelli took home a silver, and

Terry Okkersek, John Deterberiis and Adam Dechampes each

bacteria.

claimed a bronze.

The team has two more tournaments to attend before heading to the regional qualifier in January.



COATS FOR KIDS: Annual program underway

Helping keep people in need warm this winter

InPort News Staff

WELLAND - With the frosty and chilly weather having already arrived, winter coats and mitts have been taken out of the closet.

But what if you don't have a warm coat to sport when the temperature dips below zero degrees?

In south Niagara, much like in other towns and cities in Ontario, there are children and adults who can't afford winter wear. That's where the Hope Centre comes in. The 2010 Coats for Kids and Families program is underway and goes until Dec. 16. The goal is to collect as

many winter coats as possible to hand to underprivileged people in the community. Jackie Marr, Hope Centre

development officer, said last year 656 coats were collected and distributed. She believes the need for winter clothing is higher this year.

"We are always in need of children's coats," Marr said Tuesday morning.

"We hope the community will support the program. People can donate their new or gently used coats to the Hope Centre in Welland or Port Cares in Port Colborne Five dry cleaning busi-

nesses are on board to clean used coats. They are: Nick's Cleaners, Highlanders Cleaners and Yazz Dry Cleaners and Quick Stitch in

Welland as well as Ouality Cleaners in Fonthill and Lightheart's Cleaners in Port Colborne. If you need a coat, you can register at the Coats for Kids depot at the Rose City Plaza, Unit 245 on Ontario Rd., in Welland Monday to Friday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



JOHN VESSOYAN Staff Photo Hope Centre's Coats for Kids and Families program is

underway with the goal of providing winter wear to people in need. In the photo are, from left, Paul D'Amico, owner of Nick's Cleaners, Jackie Marr, Hope Centre's development officer and Rhonda Boutin, store manager.







I look forward to working with Wainfleet residents over the next four years!

April Jeffs



■ LAKESHORE CATHOLIC: Promote the school's multiculturalism

A Latin American tribute to the dead

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE - At the end of a hallway inside Lakeshore Catholic High School stands a showcase. Inside the large display are

crosses, decorations, photos, candles, statues of saints. food, flowers and names, This is a tribute to the dead - a memorial - the type that is common in Latin America

and known as an Ofrenda. which is an altar built to hold offerings to honour the deceased in a family, town and country. With All Soul's Day on

Nov. 2, which is a time for remembering the dead and combining that holy day with the Day of the Dead observed by many Mexicans - it was decided by staff and students at Lakeshore

to create the Ofrenda to promote the school's multiculturalism. Lakeshore Catholic staff members Ewelina Fanfara. Megan Bodis and Sandra Anderson, with the assis-

tance of students at the high school, created this work of art, which is eve-catching, Grade 9 students cut paper designs and added a festive

Grade 12 pupils made skeleton people dressed in outfits.

Fanfara called the Ofrenda a "religious celebration with a Halloween twist!

The spiritual display also contains a prayer. This is the first year the Ofrenda has been on display at Lakeshore Catholic, Fanfara said.

She said this will become a tradition at the school for many years to come - to honour and pay tribute to those who have died in the Lakeshore community, which includes teachers, students

touch to the display, while and family members of staff. Fanfara said it's important to and students. With many Latin American

show diversity. "We're all about being students at the school. more multicultural at the

week, adding that there have been positive comments about the tribute from others.



REGIP: November 25th Our Port Country Pantry's INGREDIENTS

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JOHN VESSOYAN Staff Photo An Ofrenda, which is a memorial, has been created at Lakeshore Catholic High School. The project was

worked on by staff and

students. From left are

and Rachael Papineau.

Ewelina Fanfara, Kenneth

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Get your passport to enjoy Niagara's south coast

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE -Time's running out in a contest designed to lead people on an adventure through

Niagara's 'south coast. Earlier this year, the City of Port Colborne and the Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce launched Niagara's South Coast Adventure Passport to promote the Port Colborne- Wainfleet area's numerous cultural. heritage and popular tourism attractions and

Participants are urged to turn their interest into action, as it's not too late to take part but the closing deadline is quickly approaching," said Stephen Thompson, the city's director of economic development, tourism and marketing.

"We also encourage anyone participating to bring along a camera and submit their photos to the city's fall photography contest running until Dec. 1, for another opportunity to win a \$100 gift certificate to @27 Restaurant'

The passport works by featuring 10 destinations

in the Port Colborne and Wainfleet area, identifying the name, address and GPS

co-ordinates of each. "A passport holder's adventure will lead them to popular attractions, tourism destinations, and commercial locations, where at each destination, the participant will record a trivia answer or have their passport punched," a news release

The passport program features four prize packages, including one grand prize, that can be won for taking

To be eligible to win a prize, participants must acquire a minimum of seven validated stops. If all 10 locations are attained, passport holders will be entered into the draw for the grand

Prizes available to be won

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Restaurantand a gift certificate for The Spa Port Colhorne

The passport is free at the Port Colhorne Visitor

Main St. W. and at city hall. Full details and prizes are available online at www.

portcolborne.ca. The contest deadline is Information Centre at 76 Tuesday, Nov. 30.



NOTICE TO CITIZENS APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The City of Port Colborne is accepting applications from citizens for positions on boards and committees. The vacancies are due to the expiry of current appointments or resignations or insufficient applications in response to prior recruitments. Positions are available on the following Boards/Committees:

- Port Colborne Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Committee of Adjustment
- Environmental Advisory Committee
- Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum Board Port Colborne Public Library Board
- Seniors Advisory Council
- Port Colborne Trails & Bikeways Committee
- Port Colborne Transit Advisory Committee Port Colborne/Wainfleet Physician Recruitment, Retention and Medical Education Committee
- Property Standards Committee
- Sugarloaf Harbour Marina Advisory Board

Appointments to fill expired terms will be for four years. Appointments to fill other vacancies will be for the term of the original appointment. Incumbent members whose terms are expiring are eligible to apply and to be reappointed to the same Committee provided they maintain the eligibility requirements.

On November 10, 2008, Council adopted a policy respecting appointments to boards and committees. This policy establishes the process relating to the recruitment, selection and appointment of members of the public to boards and committees and the City's expectations of such appointees. The policy requires that the successful applicants consent to the release by the City of their name and personal information relating to their education, qualifications and experience which is pertinent to the appointment. Council will release the name of an unsuccessful applicant only with the written consent of the applicant. Please visit the City's website www.portcolborne.ca to access the full text of the policy and a brief description of the mandate of the above Committees, etc.

Unless the terms of reference of the board/committee provide otherwise, applicants must:

- be eighteen years of age or older
- a qualified municipal elector in the City of Port Colborne
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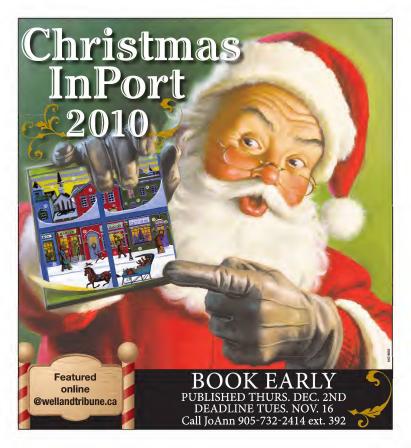
Applicants must provide sufficient information regarding their qualifications and related experience for Council to make an informed decision. The standard form of application is available on the City's website and/or from the Clerk's Office.

Applications in person, by e-mail or regular mail will be received by the undersigned up to and including November 28 2010

Ashley Griga, City Clerk City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street Port Colborne, Ontario L3K 3C8 ashlevgrigg@portcolbome.ca (905) 835-2900 ext. 106

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TOYS: Students putting skills to work

Santa's workshop at Lakeshore

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE -Lakeshore Catholic High School has turned into Santa's workshop, with plenty of elves putting their hands

and minds to good use. For the first time, construction and manufacturing technology students at the high school are making toys for children in the community by using wood, steel and aluminum

Airplanes, rocking horses, puzzles and small trains among other toys - are being constructed every Thursday after school as dedicated students do their part to put smiles on the faces of local underprivileged children during Christmas. Once the project is com-

lete, Lakeshore students will hand the toys to Port Cares staff, who will then distribute them to families and children

The project was the brainchild of teachers Tino Nuccitelli, Paul Modelski and Joe Sciarra. Nuccitelli said these stu-

dents have God given gifts that "they should share with Grade 10 student Tyler



JOHN VESSOYAN Staff Photo

Grade 10 student Andrew Susin, left, and Grade 9 student Domenic Magazzeni construct a wooden horse at Lakeshore Catholic High School Thursday afternoon. Santa's workshop, which involves many students at the school, aims to build as many toys as possible so they can be given to local underprivileged children during Christmas.

toys in Modelski's manufacturing technology last Thursday afternoon, He's

Dekker was busy building has no problem giving up his can help the less fortunate," spare time to assist those in Dekker said

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TOYS

Bringing back an old tradition of making toys for children



IOHN VESSOYAN Staff Photo

Samantha Dass, left, and Samantha Mills paint wooden puzzles as Rachael Papineau, far right, looks on at Lakeshore Catholic High School Thursday afternoon. Santa's workshop, which involves many students at the school, aims to build as many toys possible so that they can be given to local underprivileged children



After the puzzles were designed and constructed, it was shipped to the school's art wing to receive a paint job courtesy of students Samantha Dass. Samantha Mills and Rachael Panineau There are about 15 students ment, about seven in the manu-

working on the initiative in the construction technology depart-

facturing departing and a handful completing the artwork on

Nuccitelli said this is a good way of *bringing back old tradition of making toys and gifts."



It's Our Time Campaign representatives joined participating Niagara Tim Hortons restaurant owners at the construction site of the new healthcare complex and Walker Family Cancer Centre in St. Catharines to thank them for their generous donation.

Big Smiles All Around for It's Our Time Campaign Team Thanks to Tim Hortons

Through the Smile Cookie Program, participating Niagara Region Tim Hortons restaurant owners, team members and their guests raised an amazing \$100,000 - one smile at a time - for the It's Our Time Campaign in support of health-care services at their local community hospitals.

"Tim Hortons have been generous supporters of our local hospital foundations over the years," states Port Colborne Hospital Foundation Chair Carmela Rulli. "We are very grateful that Niagara Tim Hortons owners continue their support by donating to the It's Our Time Campaign through the Smile Cookie fundraiser. Everyone who enjoyed a cookie and 'shared a smile' helped make a difference by supporting healthcare in their community."

In recognition of this gift, the Patient Waiting Area and Gowning Space in the future Walker Family Cancer Centre will be named in honour of the Tim Hortons franchisees.

"The success of the program would not be possible without the support and generosity of our customers, states Christine Darbyson, local Tim Hortons Franchisee. "On behalf of all Niagara Region Tim Hortons Owners and Staff, I would like to thank all our customers for their continued support of this meaningful cause."

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ALONG THE LAKESHORE

SATURDAY, NOV. 13 Port Colborne Optimist Club fifth annual Christmas bazaar. The event will include a selection of crafters, a penny sale and bake sale A luncheon will also be served with homemade soup and sandwiches. Doors open at 10 a.m. and the event runs until 3 p.m. at the Lions Hall on Chippawa Rd. in Port Colborne. For

more information or to par-

ticipate as a crafter, contact

Sue at 905-834-7988.

MONDAY, NOV. 15 Family Wii Night at the Wainfleet Township Public Library from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All ages are welcome to drop in to play Nintendo Wii. Not only great family fun,

but great exercise too. THURSDAY, NOV. 18 Port Colborne Horticultural Society will be having its annual potluck supper at 6 p.m. Melissa Achal from

Neob Lavender Boutique will be speaking on growing lavender in Niagara. To be held at Friends over 55 Seniors Centre, 554 Fielden

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with its USB cable, Please call 905-899-1277 to preregister as space is limited. Philosopher's Café at the Wainfleet Township Public Library at 6:30 p.m. (Date

changed due to Remembrance Day.) Drop by for a lively discussion. This month's topic of discussion is "Work" All welcome! No philosophy training required, real life experience desired.

AT THE PORT COLBORNE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Art in the Atrium: "The Subject is Clear: an Exhibition of Paintings in Pastel" by Rey Baecher. In the Atrium, October 15, 2010 to January 15, 2011.

Kids' Yoga with Nadia Esposito. For ages 4 to 11. From 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. New six week session begins Tuesday, Nov. 2nd to December 7th. Cost is \$25 per session or \$5.00 per drop-in. To register call Nadia at 905-329-9841.

Create with Kathleen: Adult art classes with Kathleen

Thorsen of Stone House Art Gallery. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon, starting September 7th. Cost is \$10.00 per class, materials supplied. Ongoing, For more information, contact Kathleen by phone at 905-834-9784 or by email at: kathleen.

thorsen@cogeco.ca. Small Hands Studio: Art Workshops for Children. With Kelly Langley Davies. Painting, drawing and sculpting, Mondays, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., September 13, 2010 to June 27, 2011.

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Sharing those special Christmas memories

"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?" Bob Hope, American film actor and comedian.

Spirit of the Season Readers Remember

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE - A popular seasonal tradition at our newspaper is upon us It is the December feature. Readers Remember: Spirit

of the Sesson This will be its 13th year of publication. Here is what it's about: sharing a Christmas memory with InPort News Story possibilities are

endless Turn back the pages of the scrapbooks of your memories, take letter boxes out from safekeeping in bedroom cedar chests or look through family photo albums for pictures, some in black and white no doubt, of a special Christmas gathering. These are but a few suggestions for inspiration. These memories need not be grand or grandiose, in fact it's the little things in life that often come to mean the most as the years go by.

Perhaps your memory is of a doll in a toy store window. Maybe she caught your eye 30 or 40 years ago. Maybe you longed for that doll more than anything else and would have given anything to find her under your tree Christmas morn-

ing. Did you?: Perhaps it's of a Christmas that was made unforgettable because of a loved one's return after a lengthy absence from the family

Or perhaps it's something simple: a Christmas card or handwritten note that have been in safekeeping over the years because of special memories they hold, or a Christmas that would have been dreary if not for

a random act of kindness by kids who lived down the Submissions based on memories such as these are wanted for this year's Readers Remember: Spirit of the Season series.

Many Tribune readers from Welland, Port Colborne, Pelbam and Wainfleet, have taken time to write of personal experiences, family adventures, bereavement and birth,

thereby sharing them with others.

Submissions appear in our newspaper's print edition and are posted online as well. Some writers even look forward to contributing stories year after year. There are guidelines to

keep in mind: Submissions should be from 300 to 700 words. If your submission is chosen, you must agree to be photographed for it.

This year's series will start Friday, Dec. 3, and will appear daily, Monday through Saturday, until Friday, Dec. 24. Now it is up to you, E-mail your entry to: jbarkovich@ wellandtribune.ca and tribune@wellandtribune.ca;

ibly handwritten entry to: Readers Remember, c/o The Tribune, 228 East Main St., Welland, L3B 5P5; or hand deliver your typed or legibly written entry to The Tribune's second-floor newsroom, at 228 East Main St., Welland, Your envelone should be endorsed:

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Readers Remember: Spirit Please do not send submissions by fax. All entries must include a home or work telephone number where the writer can be contacted.

of the Season

The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, Nov. 24 Late entries will not be considered







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FROM PAGE A16 Four-week session fee is \$55.00. Fiveweek session fee is \$65. Save \$5 per child per session when you book two or more siblings in the same session, Call Kelly at 905-834-8483 for more information.

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Port Colborne Ontario Early Years Centre offers interactive play sessions, mornings: Monday to Friday from 9-12 and afternoons: Monday to Thursday from 1-4. These programs are for children under the age of six years and their parent or caregiver and are free of charge. Please visit the Ontario Early Years Centre Port Cares 92 Charlotte St., Port Colborne or call 905-834-9071 ext. 238 or email oeyc-pc@portcares.on.ca for more information.

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■ RIA: Celebrations planned downtown

Holiday season in Port

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE The members of the city's Downtown Business Improvement Area are welcoming the holiday season with several celebrations planned for the weeks leading up to Christmas.

The celebration begins Nov. 19-21, when participating area husinesses invite people

to preview the gifts, entertaining and decorating ideas they have to offer. Most shops will be open Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and from noon And the holiday spirit continues in the weeks to follow, with several events planned. The Winter Celebration House Tour

and Craft Sale on Sunday, Nov. 28 from noon to 5 p.m. More information about that event is available by calling 905-834-1233

Santa Claus arrives on Saturday, Dec. 4, aboard a tugboat that will arrive at about 1 p.m., and the choir from McKay School will be there to greet him. He will also

pose with children for free photographs taken by photographer Precious LaPlante. Santa will also bring free hot chocolates and goodies to Port Colborne before he participates in the Santa

Clause Parade of Lights that evening at 6:30. The fun continues on Sunday, Dec. 5, when

the Grand Old Christmas Festival takes place at the Port Colborne museum. From Dec. 6 to 11. Arabella's Tea Room at the museum will be serving pudding and

Parking is free in downtown Port Colborne throughout the month of December



Robert Miller, Barry Adams, David Kerr and Glenn Parker (Absent): Harry Korosis, Gary McClelland, Elaine Richard

Local Law Firm Raises It's Our Time Campaign Bar

The law firm of Chown Cairns Lawyers LLP has donated \$50,000 to the It's Our Time Campaign towards the purchase of medical equipment for the future Niagara Health System healthcare complex and Walker Family Cancer Centre, which will open to patients in the spring of 2013.

In addition to providing a new state-of-the-art hospital for St. Catharines and immediate area, the 970,000 square-foot health complex will house new and expanded regional services for cancer, cardiac and mental health, allowing more patients to receive the care they need without travelling outside the region.

"Each member of our law firm is committed to the betterment of our region and its residents," says Harry Korosis, Managing Partner. "As a law firm with strong roots in the Niagara region, we are pleased to contribute to this important new healthcare facility that will be used by so many of our clients. family and friends. This donation is a great investment in the future health of our region," adds Harry.

The Cast Room in the Emergency Department and Urgent Care Centre in the new St. Catharines community hospital will be named in honour of the firm in recognition of this generous gift.

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REVIEW: 2011 Ford Mustang convertible



The 2011 version of the Ford Mustang convertible may closely resemble the original - but not if you look under the hood.

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You might not know it from the way the Ford Mustang looks after its 2009 retro redesign, but the car has come a long way since it was introduced in 1964.

Oh, the 2011 version may closely resemble the original but not if you look under

Back when it was knocking the automotive world on its ear, those first Mustangs were powered by a choice of a 2.8-litre straight six produc-ing 101 hp or a 4.3-litre V8 that made 164 hp.

Today, you can buy a Shelby Cobra version with a honking big 5.4-litre V8 that churns out 550 hp and even the 3.7-litre V6 in our test car is rated at 305 hp. That means a six-cylinder engine that offers the performance of a small V8 yet is far more fuel efficient on the highway, where it spins at just 2,200 rom at 120 km/h. Another area where the old

price. Back in the day, a new 1964½ convertible cost you about \$2,600. Now the 2011 model lists at \$31,399 and our test car has an MSRP of \$35,829 thanks to extras like the interior upgrade package. I got the chance to drive a new Cobra GT500 for a day before picking up the convertible, and although there's

a visceral appeal to all the power the Shelby has on tap, the V6 offers a more sophisticated driving experience and won't frighten the neigh-

bours' children. Operation is a lot quieter and the six-speed Getrag gearbox isn't as stiff and notchy as the unit designed to handle all the Shelby's

Neither car offers particularly easy back seat access (what Mustang ever did?) but my passengers like the convertible's rear seats better than those on the Shelby. On the other hand, I prefer the Cobra's driver seat because of the extra lateral support it provides - especially in cornering where the big V8 can create a lot of Gs.

Controls are legible and easy to use, but there aren't a lot of places to stow stuff. The door pockets are tiny, and who uses a glove box these days? So small items tend to get tossed into the cupholders, which makes for some fussing about when you're in the takeout lane at Tim's.

Of course, the whole raison d'etre for buying a convertible is topless motoring. Our Mustang's top goes up and down easily, but doesn't fold out of sight under a hard panel as with most convertibles these days. To hide and protect the top when it's lowered, you have to get an optional boot cover for \$200.